people were evacuated in the coastal districts of Balasore, Bhadrak, Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara and Puri, through these message.

In West Bengal, the State Government reportedly directed to district authorities to evacuate people from low laying areas. More than 1 lakh people were removed to safer areas. The Crisis Management Group had met daily and directed the activities.

Disaster Management Team

304. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to set up a disaster management team, similar to the Rapid Action Force, totally dedicated to the work of disaster management; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Estimated loss in Orissa Cyclone

305. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated loss of human lives, livestock, crops and property caused by the recent super cyclone in Orissa;

(b) the total amount of assistance demanded by the State Government from the Centre and the Central assistance made available for relief and rehabilitation;

(c) whether any Central team has visited the State and estimated the State's requirements for money and materials to deal with the situation;

(d) whether there has been a widespread demand from various quarters for imposing President's Rule in the State for dealing with the havoc and if so, the Government's reaction thereto; and

(e) the progress of reconstruction and rehabilitation measures in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) As per information available from the